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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Ralph C. Mays

For (title): An Obturator System for Filling a Root Canal and Method of Use Thereof

1. Type of Application

This application is for a divisional.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications. Enclosed are
ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR
U.S. APPLICATIONS CLAIMED.

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56,439, at 56,442.

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

18 Page(s) of Specification
4 Page(s) of Claims
5 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney
1 Page(s) of abstract
Nonpublication Request

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Preliminary Amendment

5. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed (copy as filed with original application)

Executed by:

* inventor.

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

7. Language

English

8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED										
									Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00	
Number Filed			Number Extra			Rate				
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))										
	15	–	20	=	0	x	\$	18.00	=	\$ 0.00
Independent										
	3	–	3	=	0	x	\$	86.00	=	\$ 0.00

Claims (37 C.F.R §
1.16(b))

Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R § 1.16(d))	***NV 37 CFR \$1;16;d;2***	\$	0.00
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Amendment cancelling extra claims is enclosed.

Filing Fee Calculation	\$770.00
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9. Assertion of Small Entity Status

Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
Status as a small entity was asserted in the prior application 09/481,611 filed on January 12, 2000 from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and which status as a small entity is still proper and asserted for this application.

A copy of the written assertion of small entity filed in the prior application is included.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above Filing Fee Calculation)	<u>\$385.00</u>
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10. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

Filing Fee	\$385.00
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Total Fees Enclosed	\$385.00
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11. Method of Payment of Fees

Attached is a check in the amount of \$385.00.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

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12. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Office is hereby authorized to charge, in the manner shown above, the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application.

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) or (d) (presentation of extra claims)

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a))

13. Instructions as to Overpayment

Credit Account No. 50-1971.

**ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S.
APPLICATIONS CLAIMED
(37 C.F.R. § 1.78)**

14. Relate Back

Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line following the title, the following sentence:

B. 35 U.S.C. Sections 120, 121 and 365(c)

"This application is a is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/925,988, filed on August 09, 2001 which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/481,611, filed January 12, 2000 (now Patent No. 6,312,261).

15. Maintenance of Cependency of Prior Application
n/a

16. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed

- (a) This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventor in this application is the same.

17. Small Entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a))

Applicant has established small entity status by the filing of a statement in parent application 09/481,611 on January 12, 2000.

A copy of the statement previously filed is included.

18. NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THIS FILING

A notification of the filing of this divisional is being filed in the parent application, from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor

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Title

AN OBTURATOR SYSTEM FOR FILLING A
ROOT CANAL AND METHOD OF USE THEREOF

Attorney Docket Number

005804.00006a

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

11 November 2003

Date



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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.213(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.